

Claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A garment for swaddling a baby comprising:
an elongate shell having an outer surface, and an inner surface opposite the outer surface defining an interior volume for receiving the arms, legs, and trunk of a baby therein, said shell having a head end, a foot end opposite the head end, lateral sides extending between the head end and the foot end, and a neck opening at the head end for receiving a neck of the baby; and
a backboard attached to the elongate shell between the head end and the foot end for preventing the baby from rolling over when the baby is swaddled within the elongate shell, said backboard comprising an elongate body for supporting a trunk of the baby, said body having a first face facing the baby when the baby is swaddled within the elongate shell and a second face opposite the first face.
2. A garment in accordance with Claim 1, said backboard further comprising an extension extending generally laterally from the elongate body for preventing the baby from rolling over when the garment is positioned on a surface so the second face faces the surface.
3. A garment in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the backboard is releasably attached to the elongate shell.
4. A garment in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the elongate backboard body extends between a first end generally adjacent the head end of the elongate shell and a second end opposite the first end.
5. A garment in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said extension is a first extension extending from the elongate body generally adjacent the first end, said backboard further comprising a second extension generally adjacent the first end of the body and extending generally opposite the first extension.
6. A garment in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said extension is a first extension extending from the elongate body generally adjacent the second

end, said backboard further comprising a second extension generally adjacent the second end of the body and extending generally opposite the first extension.

7. A garment in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said elongate body has a flexible hinge between the first end and the second end for facilitating positioning the baby within the elongate shell.

8. A garment in accordance with Claim 4 further comprising a headboard extending from the first end of the elongate body for supporting a head of the baby when the baby is swaddled within the elongate shell.

9. A garment in accordance with Claim 8 further comprising a flexible hinge coupled between the headboard and the elongate body for allowing selective adjustment of an angle of the headboard with respect to the elongate body.

10. A garment in accordance with Claim 8 wherein the headboard has a first face facing the head of the baby when the baby is swaddled within the elongate shell and a second face opposite the first face, said elongate body having a cushion positioned on the first face of the headboard for cushioning the head of the baby.

11. A garment in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a plurality of openings within the elongate body adjacent a peripheral edge of the body for attaching the backboard to the elongate shell.

12. A garment in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a cushion positioned on the first face of the elongate body for cushioning the trunk of the baby.

13. A backboard for preventing a baby from rolling over when the baby is swaddled within a garment, said backboard comprising:

an elongate body extending between a head end and a foot end opposite the head end, said body having a first face and a second face opposite the first face;

a plurality of openings within the elongate body adjacent a peripheral edge of the body for attaching the backboard to the garment, said body being attachable to the garment so the body generally supports a trunk of the baby and the first face faces the baby when the baby is swaddled within the garment;

a flexible hinge positioned on the body between the head end and the foot end for facilitating positioning the baby within the garment; and

an extension extending generally laterally from the body for preventing the baby from rolling over when the backboard is positioned on a surface so the second face faces the surface.

14. A backboard in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said extension is a first extension extending from the body at the head end, said backboard further comprising a second extension at the head end of the body extending generally away from the first extension.

15. A backboard in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said extension is a first extension extending from the body at the foot end, said backboard further comprising a second extension at the foot end of the body extending generally away from the first extension.

16. A backboard in accordance with Claim 13 further comprising a headboard extending from the head end of the body for supporting a head of the baby when the baby is swaddled within the garment.

17. A backboard in accordance with Claim 16 further comprising a hinge coupled between the headboard and the elongate body for allowing selective adjustment of an angle of the headboard with respect to the elongate body.

18. A backboard in accordance with Claim 16 wherein the headboard has a first face facing the head of the baby when the baby is swaddled within the garment and a second face opposite the first face, said headboard having a cushion positioned on the headboard first face for cushioning the head of the baby.

19. A backboard in accordance with Claim 13 further comprising a cushion positioned on the first face of the elongate body for cushioning the trunk of the baby.

20. A backboard in accordance with Claim 13 wherein the extension extends generally parallel to the elongate body.

21. A backboard for preventing a baby from rolling over when the baby is swaddled within a garment, said backboard comprising:

an elongate body extending between a head end and a foot end opposite the head end, said body having a first face and a second face opposite the first face, said body being attachable to the garment so the body generally supports a trunk of the baby and the first face faces the baby when the baby is swaddled within the garment;

a flexible hinge positioned on the body between the head end and the foot end for facilitating positioning the baby within the garment;

a headboard extending from the head end of the body for supporting a head of the baby when the baby is swaddled within the garment, said headboard having a first face facing the head of the baby when the baby is swaddled within the garment, a second face opposite the first face, and a cushion positioned on the headboard first face for cushioning the head of the baby; and

an extension extending generally laterally from the body for preventing the baby from rolling over when the backboard is positioned on a surface so the second face faces the surface.

22. A backboard in accordance with Claim 21 further comprising a hinge coupled between the headboard and the elongate body for allowing selective adjustment of the angle of the headboard with respect to the elongate body.

23. A backboard in accordance with Claim 21 wherein said extension is a first extension extending from the body at the head end, said backboard further comprising a second extension at the head end of the body extending generally away from the first extension.

24. A backboard in accordance with Claim 21 wherein said extension is a first extension extending from the body at the foot end, said backboard further comprising a second extension at the foot end of the body extending generally away from the first extension.

25. A backboard in accordance with Claim 21 further comprising a cushion positioned on the first face of the elongate body for cushioning the trunk of the baby.

26. A backboard in accordance with Claim 21 wherein the extension extends generally parallel to the elongate body.

27. A backboard in accordance with 21 further comprising a plurality of openings within the elongate body adjacent a peripheral edge of the body for attaching the backboard to the garment.